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Stan Hadden, President of AIDS Foundation; Robert Hodge, Scott Winkler, Marty Martinez from the local committee of the Foundation for Educational Research, who sponsored the Sacramento Summer Ball. One hundred percent, $10,000, of the proceeds were given to the Sacramento AIDS Foundations' Client Services.

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Local Women Beaten By Intruder

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Two East Sacramento women were attacked in their beds at their Santa Ynez Way home at approximately 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, by a bat or stick-wielding assailant.

In spite of a skull fracture and a broken arm, Kathleen Gianatasio, 35, was able to call 911 and summon help for her critically injured companion, 34-year-old Blythe Hewitt. Both women were taken to University Medical Center. Gianatasio has since been released. Hewitt did not regain consciousness for several days and was found to be suffering from at least 12 head and facial fractures. She was improved enough to be interviewed by police last week. Police Captain Sam Summers declined to discuss the details of the interview.

Women living in the area were immediately supported by friends and members of the gay and lesbian community who opened their homes to them or stayed with the women in their homes. Longtime self-defense proponent Midge Marino opened her home to women who were friends and next door neighbors to Gianatasio and Hewitt and is ready to organize other help if needed.

Police have tentatively stated that the attack occurred during the commission of a burglary. Liaison officer, Deputy Chief Lee Dohm said, "While there is no overt evidence that this is a gay bashing we are definitely not ruling it out and our investigation will continue on all levels." Police are also advocating that people make sure that their doors are locked and that they don't leave their windows open for their animals.

Jackie Ledbetter, a former college roommate of Hewitt's is taking up a collection to defray medical and living expenses for the two women during their recovery. She can be contacted at 456-2541. ■

Outstanding Activists Recognized

John Smyth, Brian Salaran, Steven Wangle, David West, Tom Padilla, William Collins, Mache Parker Sanderson, Dennis Mangers, Mayor Anne Rudin, Dr. Virginia Uribe, Doug Brown, Carolyn Langenkamp, Joy Fergoda, Joy's mom, Kenneth Topper, not pictured is Dr. Marty Rogers.

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

Some 200 community supporters attended the sixth annual Lambda Awards Dinner sponsored by the River City Democratic Club. The event was held on November 20 at the newly refurbished Radisson Hotel. Mayor Anne Rudin, Assemblyman Phil Isenberg, and City Council members Kim Mueller and David Shore were among the many elected officials who turned out to show their support of Sacramento's gay and lesbian community. Entertainment was presented by the Sacramento Men's Chorus, whose rendition of "Can You Hear the People Singing" from the musical Les Miserables set the tone for the evening.

Among the awards presented that night, a new "Stan Hadden Community Service Award" was created in honor of long-time activist Stan Hadden. Hadden, who was not aware that the award would be announced, was presented with a Resolution from the California Legislature in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of gay rights and AIDS. In an emotional acceptance speech, Hadden called on gays and lesbians to get involved and make a difference. "The more you give of yourself, the greater the return," he said.

The theme of the dinner was education. Keynote speaker Virginia Uribe delivered an impassioned presentation in support of gay and lesbian adolescents within the state school system. "These children have a right to be treated with respect and dignity and to be free from physical threats and verbal abuse. Gay bashing seems to be tolerated by school boards and administrators when no other form of discrimination would be allowed," Uribe explained. She cited a recent federal study which found that gay and lesbian teenagers are much more likely to attempt suicide than their straight counterparts. Conservative politicians blasted the report's findings claiming they were homosexual propaganda.

Outgoing RCDC President Kenneth Topper ended the three-hour ceremony by calling for the community and its leadership to keep demanding change. "There is so much yet to be accomplished," he said, "But let's not forget that there is so much we have been successful with and so many we can be proud of." ■

"Fig Leaf" Law Passed

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

A Sacramento-county ordinance proposed by Supervisor Illa Collin would provide "blinders" for racks selling pornographic materials which might be seen by minors. That ordinance was passed unanimously on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

A sparsely attended hearing on the ordinance was held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers but sparks flew nonetheless. Ordinance opponent Rubin Epstein, a bookseller, expressed concern about the scope of the ordinance. He cited the First Amendment and the possibility of censorship. He was joined by Bruce Tyler, publisher of The Old Profession Times.

County Counsel, Lee Elam, was explosive in his support of the ordinance saying, "Purveyors of smut just shouldn't let kids in and they won't have any problems."

David Woodel of the American Family Coalition of Northern California, a long time opponent of gay rights, has been an active proponent of the ordinance. Rev. Jerry Sloan of the Lambda Center expressed concern about censorship and asked if the ordinance would extend to libraries. He offered to serve on a committee with Woodel which would address censorship concerns.

Another ordinance supporter, Sunny Bate, who identified herself and an incest and rape survivor, spoke passionately about her support for the ordinance. She is concerned about pornographic materials in newspaper vending machines "which are available to any child who has four quarters to put into the machine." Bate said that while she has legitimate concerns she wished to disassociate herself from Woodel and any attacks on the gay community. "I do not wish to be associated with a campaign to blame or attack anyone on the basis of race, religion or sexual preference," Bate said. Supervisor Collin commended her on her eloquent presentation.

Sacramento District Attorney, Steve White, asked that the ordinance be redrafted to eliminate the six month jail provision. "That way it's just an infraction which will be punishable by a $1,000 fine and will be fairly straightforward and won't tie up court time," White said.

Accordingly, the ordinance language was redrafted and the unanimous vote took place on the following Tuesday. ■

FREE PERSONALS

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Merry Christmas!!

MGW EDITORIAL

The "Killing" Of A Writer

For several months Sacramento readers have enjoyed the excellent journalistic work of San Francisco-based writer Keith Clark — first in **MGW** for eight issues and for two issues in **The Latest Issue.**

Clark is the national news reporter who investigated and tracked the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) and broke the story about their network of activities throughout California. He broke the story about the "mole" video company which interviewed gay and lesbian leaders, then cut and spliced tape to create a damaging film which is used in TVC's "educational" symposia about homosexuals.

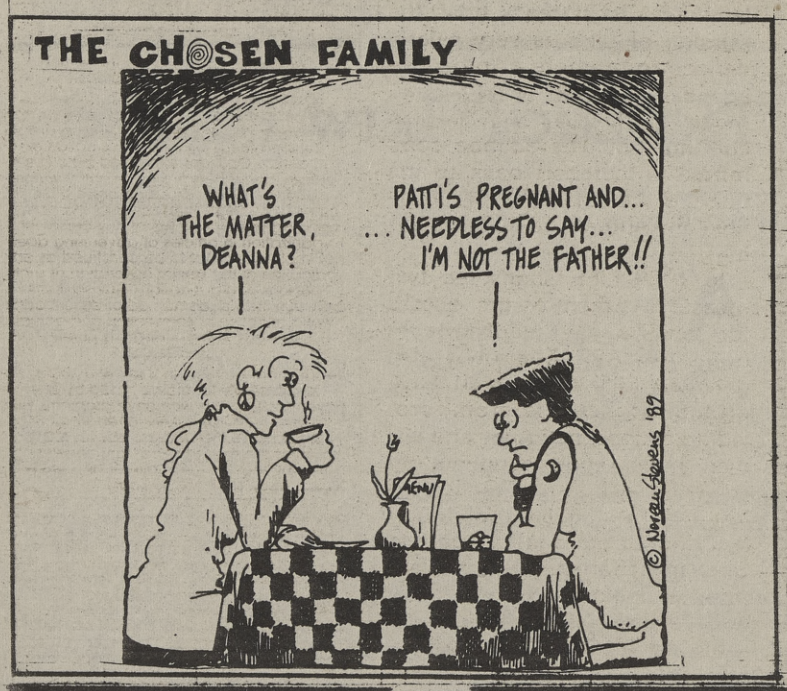
Clark does important work. His work is "clean." That is, editors don't need to worry about the level of professionalism he presents. His sources are real, he double checks his facts — he's a good, solid, reliable reporter. In addition to all of that, he's prolific. He's plugged into some of the best electronic data sources and he's got connections across the country — something that's invaluable for an effective newsperson. He is an exciting, responsible, thoughtful, diligent writer. He is our Edward R. Murrow, our Walter Cronkite.

But Keith Clark isn't working anymore. As of last week. He says he's finished ... through ... done ... finito ... adios, baby. Why? The bottom line. He's tired. Tired of being jerked around by the mavens of the gay press. Tired of editors and publishers telling him how great his stuff is and that the check is in the mail. When the going rate in most of the gay press is $25 to $30 for a story that can cost hundreds to research — the bottom line dictates that you've got to get paid in each and every market or you've got to cut your losses. An ethical journalist can only sell to one newspaper in each metropolitan market and if they don't or won't pay — or they eat up the money by making writers call long-distance to beg for their money — make them send letters by certified mail — expect copy to be faxed to them — don't pay even mailing costs — the bottom line becomes clearer and clearer.

He's tired of important stories being "held" for two or three issues while editors publish 10 or 12 pages of the last 10 years' death toll. He's tired of being given assignments that require the expenditure of hotel and lodging money which is not reimbursed if the story is not run. He isn't angry just for himself. He's concerned about the abuses to other writers as well — people who can ill afford to be so abused. He's concerned about the people who are NOT writing anymore. He's concerned about the public and their right to know what's happening. But something's finally killed the spark ... the drive.

Unfortunately, you-know-what rolls downhill — publishers and editors complain about lack of money and low advertising revenues but that's no excuse for the abuses that occur. They can be up front about their circumstances and their ability to pay and at least cover mailing and telephone costs. Advertisers need to be encouraged to continue in our press and that can only be done by readers acknowledging those ads and encouraging people they know to advertise. Perhaps with more revenue — the gay and lesbian press will become more responsible to both writers and readers. Perhaps someday our national news writers will be able to point to more than FOUR GAY NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES ACROSS THE NATION which pay on time and which edit their work responsibly — not mindlessly.

In the meantime, Keith Clark isn't writing anymore. Something's finally killed the spark — I only hope it's not forever. ■



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Here's what we told Ms. Landers:

We think lesbians and gay men should be able to legally marry. In our view, it's a matter of civil rights. Not to mention simple fairness and good sense.

Too often, gay and lesbian relationships have been attacked as antithetical to "family values." Nothing could be further from the truth. Gay and lesbian couples — and their children — are genuine families. They share with all families the traditional values of love, caring and mutual support.

The truth is, gay and lesbian couples are already marrying one another in both religious and secular ceremonies. According to preliminary results of our national survey of gay and lesbian couples, 16 percent of female couples and 10 percent of male couples had "ritualized their relationship with a ceremony." More than one-third had executed legal agreements to protect their relationship. (Results based on 812 respondents.)

Unfortunately, these couples cannot choose to legally marry and depend on existing laws to support their family life. The legal contracts we make can replicate only some of the protections that are automatic with marriage. Just one example: A widowed lesbian partner cannot claim her departed spouse's Social Security benefits.

And this inequity is far-reaching. At least 10 million Americans are in same-sex relationships, judging from a recent **San Francisco Examiner** poll that found 60 percent of gay men and lesbians in relationships.

Our society should support these gay and lesbian families for the same reasons we support traditional families. Functional families make better neighbors and more productive citizens.

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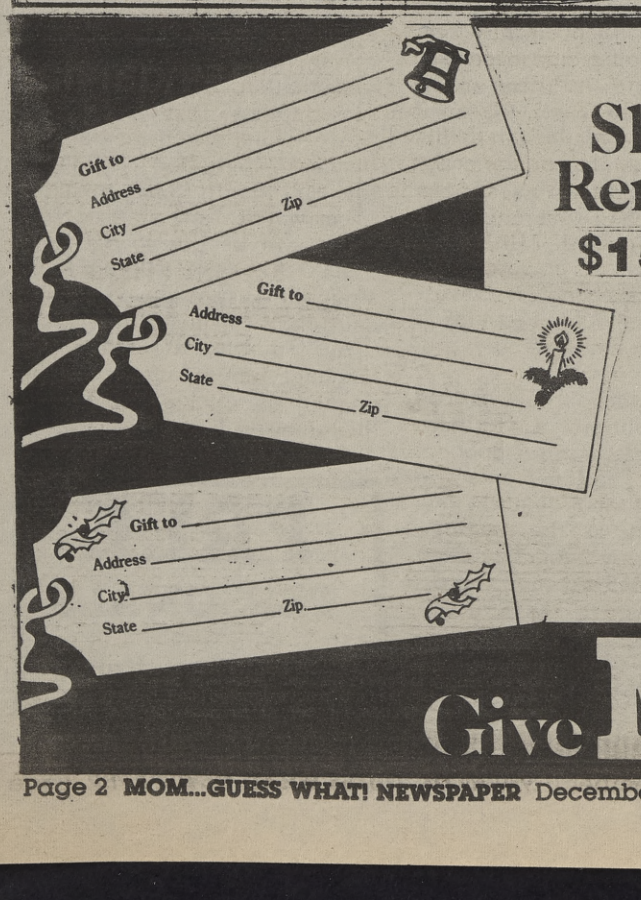

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Political Involvement in Sacramento '89

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

River City Democratic Club

Today the club is somewhat conservative in its politics, compared to similar Democratic clubs around the state. RCDC is more in line with Southern California's pragmatism than San Francisco's infighting.

As a gay organization working in the state's capital RCDC often finds itself providing information and advice to other clubs on state issues. Indeed, three of the club's current officers are employed in positions directly tied to the state political process; most of its presidents have worked for state politicians.

"Over the past few years we've been successful in forging very close ties to Mayor Anne Rudin, the city council, and local state and federal office holders," said Kenneth Topper, RCDC President. Rudin, council members Joe Serna and Kim Mueller, Supervisor Grantland Johnson and Assemblyman Tom Hannigan have been featured guests at the club's general membership meetings. In addition to gay and lesbian concerns, issues discussed at RCDC meetings range from expanding train service between Sacramento and the Bay Area to environmental and neighborhood concerns.

RCDC has been criticized by some elements in the community as elitist, catering to white males. Currently no women or minorities hold office. Even a lesbian president (1986) did not help to dispel the all-men image. Attracting women and minorities to membership has been a high priority for the past several years. "Organizations like NOW seem to attract women who are politically inclined; as for minorities ... I don't know the answer to that one. For many people of color being political is a coming out process. At present there are many family and religious perspectives that need to be addressed," said Topper.

RCDC makes contributions to and endorses political candidates. Its members provide volunteer labor for candidates and initiative drives. The club also gets involved in legislation at the state and federal level based upon recommendations of its Legislative Committee. Recently RCDC lent its efforts to the "No on 102" drive and the "Whiteaker for Senate" campaign.

Once a year RCDC throws the "Lambda Awards Dinner" ceremony to honor individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the community. Last year's dinner was attended by over 200 — and virtually all local politicians were represented. This year the event was at the new Radisson Hotel and featured Southern California educator Virginia Uribe.

Membership meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Lambda Community Center at 20th and L streets downtown. Annual dues are $20 for individual membership and $30 for couples. The mailing address is Box 161958 Sacramento, CA 95816■

Harrison's Contribution Honored

Dr. Elizabeth Harrison was honored at the Human Rights Commission annual Human Rights Awards Dinner in the category of community involvement for her extensive work for AIDS and gay/lesbian issues.

Photo by Pink Foster

Mission of "Life" To Be Studied

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) was held on November 12 in Los Angeles. Sacramento was represented by Michael Varacalli of the River City Democratic Club.

In addition to adopting its legislative platform for the 1990 session, the Board also discussed possible revision of the organization's "mission statement." When originally formed in 1986, LIFE's purpose was to represent the statewide gay and lesbian community before the California legislature. The AIDS epidemic, however, quickly shifted that general purpose to the specific purpose of defeating homophobic bills disguised as measures aimed at AIDS. Then came Propositions 64, 69, and 102. LIFE's resources were directed at defeating these potentially disastrous measures.

As more and more AIDS service organizations affiliated with the lobby, a new logo was adopted proclaiming LIFE as the "AIDS Lobby." To many of the community at large and many of those Board members who joined to promote gay issues, the change in focus has been unnerving. Indeed, in the most recent "Governmental Affairs Platform," a piece explaining what LIFE is all about, the words "gay" and "lesbian" were not used at all.

Because of these concerns a special ad hoc committee was set up to look into the bylaws language. As it reads now, the mission of LIFE is very clearly defined to promote a "proactive agenda in support of issues germane to the gay and lesbian community." The ad hoc committee is to report back to the board at its next meeting, to be held on February 18 in Palm Springs.

In 1989 LIFE sponsored two measures which assure access for low-income Californians to drugs like AZT. The lobby also defeated bills that would have prohibited schools from providing counseling to gay and lesbian high school students on subjects such as AIDS. It also fought for a state law prohibiting discrimination against people with HIV. Though such a bill got through the legislature, Governor George Deukmejian once again vetoed it. The Republican candidate to replace Deukmejian, Pete Wilson, has indicated that he would sign such a law. Democratic gubernatorial hopeful John Van De Kamp has also said he would sign the bill.

LIFE's number one priority for the 1990 legislative session is to ensure health insurance access for those in need of HIV drugs.■

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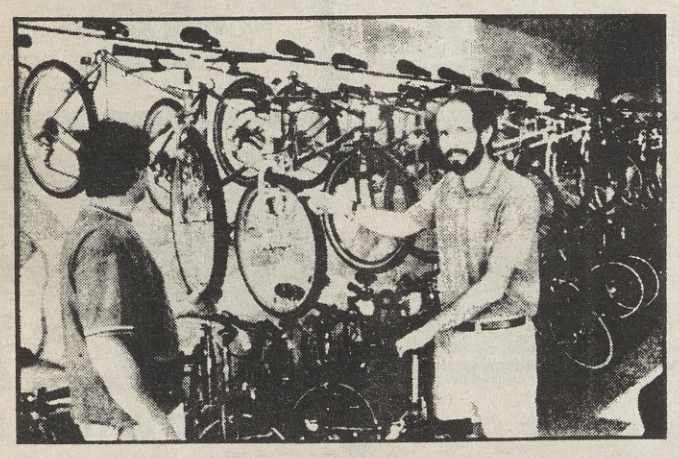

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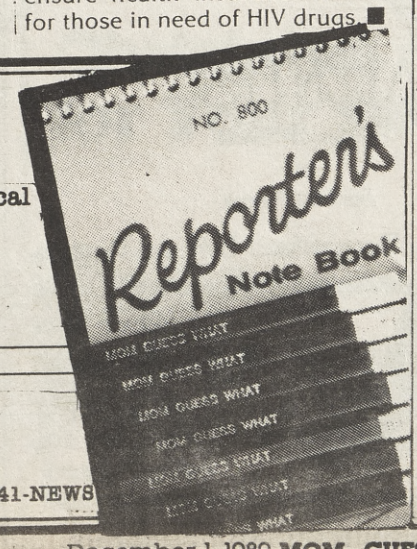

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MGW OBITUARY

VIVIAN MILLER

Vivian Miller, 73, advocate for gay causes, died in Sacramento at the end of October. Mrs. Miller is the mother of Sacramento political activist, Gary Miller.

A native of Kansas City, she lived in Sacramento since 1981 and was active in many local political campaigns, including those of Mayor Anne Rudin.

According to Gary Miller, his mother, although initially distressed when she learned he was gay, not only came to accept the fact, "but became more of a gay-libber than I was." She also regarded Gary's partner, Ron Bentley, as her son.

Mrs. Miller, born a Methodist, in later years became a member of the Church of Religious Science. One of her favorite activities was writing letters to fundamentalist preachers – denouncing their positions on gay issues. During the height of Anita Bryant's campaign against gays, Mrs. Miller wrote innumerable letters to Bryant and those associated with her campaign. Until recent years she was also an active member of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

She is survived by her sons, Gary and Ron of Sacramento, her son, Donald Helwig, and her brother, both in Missouri; her sister in Florida; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Red Cross (for earthquake relief) or to "Loaves and Fishes" in Sacramento.

ADA HAMILTON

Ada Hamilton, 73, died in Sacramento on October 22, 1989. She and her husband, Bill, own the All Travel travel agency in midtown Sacramento.

Mrs. Hamilton was a native of Plainfield, New Jersey, and graduated from the Harlem School of Nursing in New York City, where she worked for several years at the Harlem Hospital.

She later became the first black Dean of Counseling for a New York school district. When she retired 20 years later, she moved to Sacramento. She spent a decade as a counselor with the Sacramento City Unified School District and in 1984, started the travel agency.

She was an active member of numerous organizations ranging from Soroptimist, to Zonta Club, from Toastmistress to National Council of Negro Women and the National Association of University Women.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, William; her daughter Lorraine Emery; and her two grandchildren, Kenneth and Kourtney Collins. ■

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PFLAG: Our Parents' Conference

Society should acknowledge sexuality as normal rather than deny it as we have been doing for centuries, said Dr. Sylvia S. Hacker, Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, when addressing the Eighth International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

In particular, Dr. Hacker derided sex education courses that do little more than describe the "plumbing" of human anatomy and ignore the fact that sexuality pervades nearly every aspect of life. America lags in meaningful sex education, she told the audience of 300 at the Novi Hilton near Detroit, Michigan.

While some other countries are trying to wipe out teenage pregnancy, she said, "in this country we are trying to wipe out teenage sexuality." Indeed, she noted, telling a turned-on teenager to "just say no" is "like telling a psychotic depressive to 'have a nice day'."

If we are to end misconceptions about sexuality, including homosexuality, Dr. Hacker said, we should acknowledge that sexuality is 'normal and good', and that it is far more than intercourse. "Sexuality is welded to one's personality" and includes "holding hands, kissing," and other forms of physical contact between same-gender and opposite-gender humans, she said.

Dr. Hacker also criticized the old myth that only adults between 20 and 35 are sexual. Since ultrasound pictures have shown that a fetus can "suck its thumb in the womb," we know that people are sexual "from the cradle to the grave ... from the womb to the tomb," she said.

The Federation of Parents FLAG was incorporated in 1982 and has as its main objective offering support to parents, families, and friends of gay men and lesbians, and educating its members and others about issues related to homosexuality. The organization has since grown to more than 80 chapters located across the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

This year's convention carried the theme "Listening, Learning, Loving," and offered participants 22 workshops. A special Federation Award was presented to Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project Foundation, which coordinates the expansion, tour, and display of the AIDS quilt.

For information on Parents FLAG, Box 27605, Washington, DC 20038; (202) 638-4200. ■

March On Cathedral; Group Assails Church on AIDS, Abortion Policies

New York, NY... Protestors will surround St. Patrick's Cathedral on the morning of Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. The gathering, called STOP THE CHURCH, will challenge Cardinal O'Connor and the Catholic Church hierarchy for their interference in public policy concerning AIDS and abortion, and the religious influence that persecutes gays and women in society at large. These actions violate the separation between church and state. The co-organizers of this major demonstration are ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) and WHAM! (Women's Health Action and Mobilization.) Members from several other AIDS and pro-choice groups are expected to participate. The issues include: ASSAULT OF LESBIANS AND GAYS: The Church continues its campaign against homosexuals, the group hit hardest by the AIDS epidemic. While professing compassion for gays and lesbians with AIDS, the Church teaches intolerance and hatred. EDUCATION, NOT MORALITY: The Church would forbid crucial safe sex and AIDS education in public schools. Instead, it favors teaching morality and chastity as the only AIDS prevention for teenagers. A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO HER OWN BODY: In its zealous war on abortion, the Church seeks to deny women their personal liberties. Cardinal O'Connor has considered joining Operation Rescue, militants whose clinic blockages have been banned by court order. "We're marching on the Church to show the Cardinal and his fanatic followers that their religious bullying infringes on the personal liberties of all Americans," said Victor Mendolia, ACT UP activist and one of the protest organizers. "Morality is not a substitute for education and religious doctrine is not political policy." ■

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

Holiday greetings to one and all • On my return home after the Thanksgiving weekend, there was a notice on my doorstep. The heading announced **"Bohemians of Oak Park"** formerly "Oak Park Friends of Dorothy" (recently established as friends of Betty). In any case, it was all about a potluck sponsored by **Rik Rasmussen** and **Jon Marshack** on December 3. If you live in our neck of the woods stop by! • Celebrate the sounds of the holidays with the 5th annual **Winter Concert Series** by the **Sacramento Men's Chorus.** Special guests include the **Sacramento Women's Chorus.** This fun and talented group has never disappointed me. Mark your calendars for December 8 & 9 • The **SACWN** holiday party is slated for December 10 and invites one and all, women and men to attend. The program includes local choruses, top 40 music for dancing and hors d'oeuvres. This special event is at the Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex • For all my men friends ... we're finally getting what we asked for!!! A semi-formal holiday party called **The Phantom Ball.** This one we can't miss. Just imagine all those men in tuxedos!! December 15 is the date for this hot one! See back page for details • The women are now on their 16th annual **Snow White Champagne Ball!** (some day we'll say that about our **Phantom Ball!**) This year it's in the architecture delight, the Lincoln Plaza Atrium behind the Crocker Art Gallery. Their event is December 16, Saturday evening. See back page for details • **RCDC's** "Celebrating Our Pride" sixth annual Lambda Awards Dinner honored six individuals and one organization. The honorees included **Dr. Marty Rogers** — CSUS Professor, **Dennis Mangers** — Educator, **Carolyn Langenkamp** — Attorney, **Doug Brown** — Senate Committee, **Joy Fergoda** — UCD Women's Center, **Mache Parker Sanderson** — Glad Speakers Bureau, and **Delta Lambda Phi** — CSUS Gay Fraternity. Our community is stronger and more visible thanks to these people and countless others • The **PSSN** newsletter reports that its personals section is expanding. One person who listed received 17 calls! By the way, **MGW** is offering **FREE** personals if submitted by December 10. Find the person of your dreams • A must on my list is the **Lambda Players'** first production titled **T-SHIRTS** on December 9, 10, 16 & 17. This comedy by **Robert Patrick** is full of wisecracks as well as one *revealing* moment. The theatre at the Lambda Center is very small so reserve early • **Hal Griffiths** and **Vern Lima** pulled out all the stops with their outdoor Christmas lights. Supposedly they have turned night into day and **SMUD** is sending a crew to monitor the nightly power surge • It won't be long until the **Pillars** Gala Holiday Party on December 8. There will also be a get-together on December 22 • **Ernie Brown** and **Bobette** at the **Mercantile** announce the eighth annual **MCC** Christmas Basket party and fundraiser for December 10. All goods collected stay within our community • **Barbara Disney's Partners** at 24th Street and 2nd Avenue, is still battling with ABC to get her liquor license, stop by during the holidays • Attended a brunch recently at **Joseph's Town & Country.** Everything was wonderful including the service by **Rob Thorbin. Lady Diana** even breezed by our table. Do check out one of her shows at Joseph's • Changes are happening at **Shirley Cooper's Buffalo Club.** The side rooms are remodeled for a new bright look including a dance floor. Don't miss the **Stampede** on Thursdays and **Out of Town Night** every Friday • The minor construction work at **Faces** is progressing, albeit slowly. Hopefully it will be completed for their big annual Christmas Party. It was great to see Faces featured in the **Sacramento Bee's Ticket** section. (Three out of four stars rating). Kudos to **Richard Boriolo's** candid comments • **Larry Ross** at the **Town House** and **La Kish** of the **Mercantile** are collecting **Toys for Tots** December 8-22. Bring an unwrapped toy and receive a free drink • Also the word is out, the **Town House** is having an "Invitation Only" Christmas party on December 18. Play your cards right and you will receive one! • The **Wreck Room's** recent Thanksgiving Buffet and Pigout Condom festival were both huge successes. Plans are in the works for their annual Christmas Toys for Tots & Food drive December 15-22 • **PAARC** recently produced **Going Solo** at Faces. Local female impersonators and other entertainers raised funds for two Santa Cruz men with AIDS. The men are now forced to live in their garage since the earthquake damaged their home •

Happy December Birthday wishes to **Chuk Lowry, Tex** at the Buffalo Club, **Vernon Mitchell, Michael Dennis,** AIDS writer **Stephen Pardi, Tim Kelleher, Mary Kennedy** and belated birthday wishes to **Jerry Love** (his real name) • Congratulations to Sacramentan **John Powell** on landing a role in the mega-musical **Les Miserables** in San Francisco •
Darrell Corti was named one of the 11 recipients of the **Who's Who of Cooking in America** awards recently. Sacramento and California were quite visible this year! • **MGW** publisher **Linda Birner** confessed to a **Sacramento Union** Showcase writer that she was probably a **penguin** in an earlier life! This all came about from an article exploring what Halloween costumes tell about ourselves • The "other columnist" **Dan Palomino** (aka Lonella Parsons) invited me out after my heart rendering (& comical) performance in the **Sacramento Ballet's Cinderella.** Even though exhaustion had set in, I happily agreed to go along. However it appears as though he and his other half were trying to arrange my demise ... After dragging me on not one but two wild goose chases, the mystery party was finally located. If this confused duo invites you out, be wise and decline or at least drive yourself! • **Romanovsky & Phillips** and **Aldo Belle** are performing at the **Crest Theatre** on December 16. This fundraiser for **MCC's** "New Building Fund." For information, 446-6490 • The SAF **Healthy Living Series** continues with the last safe-sex **Buddy Connection** this year on Monday, December 18. **Heart to Heart** continues on Tuesdays at the SAF Training Space • A fun, fun show now playing at **Garbeau's Dinner Theatre** is Neil Simon's **Barefoot in the Park** through January 6. Anyone contemplating a relationship will benefit from this comedy! • While strolling through **Home Depot,** it was easy to notice two men who looked a great deal alike. Later that night I met them at the **Lambda Center.** It's uncanny how lovers do resemble each other after years together • Lost in the kitchen, stumped for gift ideas, need a good chuckle? Try **Cooking With Pride.** Royalties from this book benefit the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators as well as various P-Flags & Pride Committees who have submitted recipes. Send a total of $9.50 to **Act One — Pride, 640 Gorsuch Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218** • Special congratulations to **Ronald Hatch** and **Larry Porter** on placing in the **Sacramento Community Video Awards.** Two episodes of **Being Gay Today** made it to the finalist category. Here's to an even more successful 1990 • **Susanne Lewis** informs me of a new venture called **Love Pets.** The business at Denio's Auction (Booth W51) features dog and cat supplies • Another tid-bit passed along to me is that **Jeff Spicer** won the door prize (a collector T-shirt) at the **Festival of Animation** now playing at the Crest Theatre. We'll expect a showing soon • With 1990 around the corner, write down those goals, dreams and **resolutions!** Take time all year to spread that holiday joy and let your friends know how much they mean to you ■

— *John*

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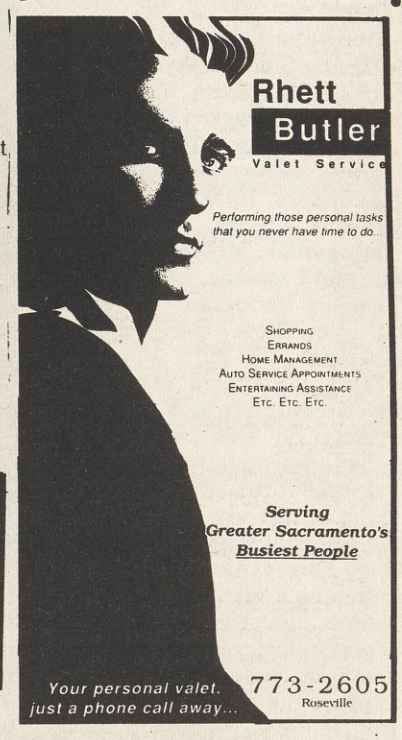

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Bits and Pieces

by Joyce Bright
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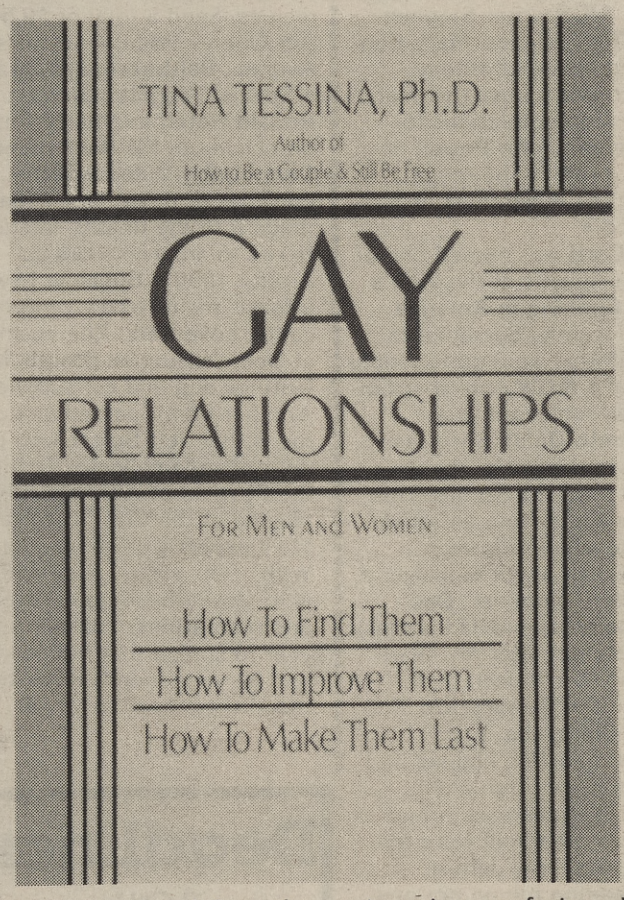
Ginsberg by Barry Miles, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1989, 588 pages in hardback, $24.95.

Perry Ellis by Jonathan Moor, St. Martin's Press, New York, 1989, 247 pages in hardback, $17.95.

Buddy's: Meditations on Desire by Stan Persky, New Star Books, Vancouver, 1989, 134 pages in hardback, $16.95.

Gay Relationships by Tina Tessina, Jeremy P. Tarcher, Inc., Los Angeles, 1989, 228 pages in hardback, $17.95.

Integrated Identity for Gay Men and Lesbians, Edited by Eli Coleman, Harington Park Press, Inc., New York, 343 pages in paperback, $22.95.



The biographies considered here are written in a style that reflects on the personalities under contemplation: **Ginsberg** is deep and thoughtful and written by a man who has some appreciation of English literature: **Perry Ellis** is charming, light and written by a man who knows the fashion industry — the fourth largest industry in the country. It would be unfair, therefore, to compare the two books.

In fairness, Ginsberg never made a secret of his life. For example, the poem "Kaddish" leaves no doubt about what it must have been like growing up in the Ginsberg household: "Her noise in the bathroom/like croaking up her soul/convulsions and red vomit coming out of her mouth..." When the author writes about the Allen Ginsberg who entered Columbia University in 1943 as a man who knew a lot about madness, "which gave him a natural affinity with eccentrics and the rejects of society," one knows this is true. This book is a fascinating and compelling narrative that sets us firmly in the Beat Generation and takes us from Jack Kerouac to the Ginsberg who was expelled from both Cuba and Czechoslovakia, the Ginsberg who as a gay advocate fights for gay rights. It is an extremely well-written biography.

Perry Ellis, on the other hand, is a bit of a mystery. Outside, he was an enormously successful entrepreneur, a well-educated middle-manager involved in retailing. Ellis became a fashion designer — who didn't know how to draw — with an empire selling $750,000,000 in retail by the time he died. Yet the author writes: "Perry and Laughlin Baker probably met in the summer of 1980 on Water Island, and it was love at first sight." One wonders if we don't even know when they met, how do we know it was love at first sight? Unlike Ginsberg, Ellis has not left us a body of writing that allows us to know his internal workings. All insight, therefore, is left to the biographer who indeed makes a case that Ellis was a good man, faithful to his friends, concerned about the fashion industry. He was very much in the closet, yet he ignored his business and his own health to care for his dying lover. In the final analysis whether Ellis died of AIDS is something about which the author must speculate because the record indicates that Ellis died, at 46, from viral encephalitis. This biography is a good introduction to the fashion industry.

The author's intentions when he started to write **Buddy's** was to tell "a series of tales, matter-of-factly relating erotic encounters which originated in "Buddy's", a Vancouver bar. The tales "would seek to intrigue by recognizing the complexity of experience, the very thing that porn must resolutely avoid, lest it suffer the decomposition of its stereotypes..." The author, Stan Persky, succeeds extraordinarily well in his prose. From lovers to one-night lusts, from cruising cronies to intimate friends, in bars and bedrooms and boyhood gyms, Persky writes intelligently, sometimes eulogistically, but also hopefully about that wonderful part of ourselves "which rules itself with ruthless tyranny" — desire.

The two "therapy" books under review are very different. **Integrated Identity** is probably a book more for the mental health professional. It deals with four areas: 1) Identity formation; 2) Relationship concerns; 3)Family conflicts; and 4) Special problems. Under identity formation Wolf and Klein write about Ericksonian hypnosis and strategic intervention for sexual orientation confusion. I found Hetrick and Martin's article on developmental issues an insightful addition to the growing body of literature concerning such issues for gays and lesbians. Colgan's article on identity and intimacy issues for gays, and Smalley's contribution about dependency issues for lesbians addresses the problem of gay/lesbian relationships. Space does not allow for a full discussion of this book, for the professional this is the most well-rounded, balanced and progressive collection I have seen dealing with issues confronting the gay and lesbian client.

Gay Relationships, on the other hand, is a "self-help" book for gays and lesbians. (Tina Tessina, a practicing clinician, uses the term "gay" to include both gays and lesbians.) Although my personal preference is for Betty Berzon's book, **Permanent Partners,** it's wonderful to have more than one book to choose from. Tessina writes about how to find relationships, commitment and its payoff, the hidden and overt expectations we have about our relationships, problem solving and negotiating, sexuality, and living together. She also includes a chapter on commitment ceremonies and offers suggestions about writing our own commitment vows. On balance, this is a good addition for both young and old in a field that perplexes all of us who have tried living with another human being. ■

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Vancouver was the city chosen for the 1990 Gay Games to be held August 4-11, 1990. The Sacramento Rebels have been attending tournaments for the last years in preparation for the Games. Mel McElree the newest member of the team said "with over 100 teams competing from all over the world the Rebels will have to be well prepared."

The Sacramento Rebels and Sacramento Salsa teams are coached by Terra Bourdukofsky. Bourdukofsky recently moved here from Hawaii where she played for the University of Hawaii.

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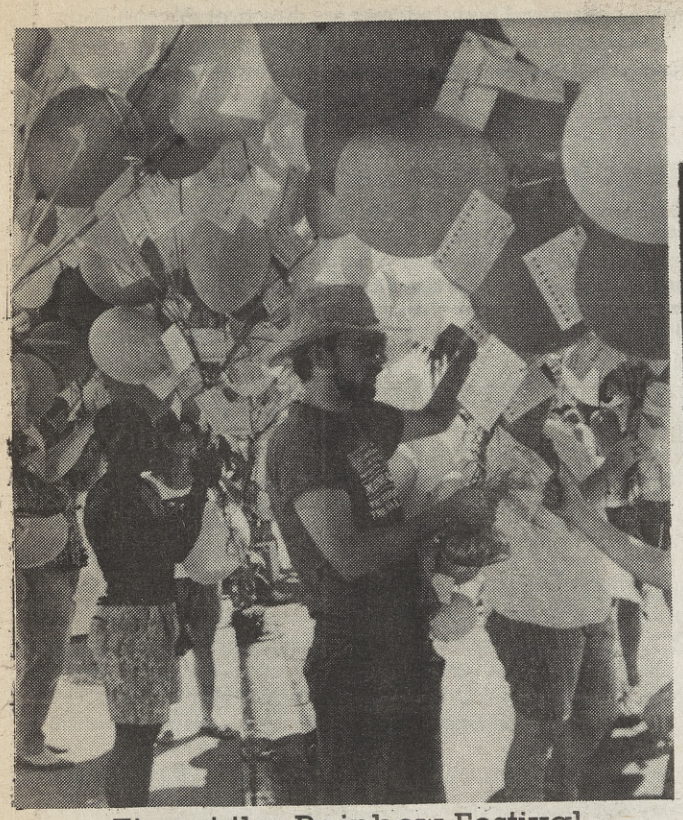

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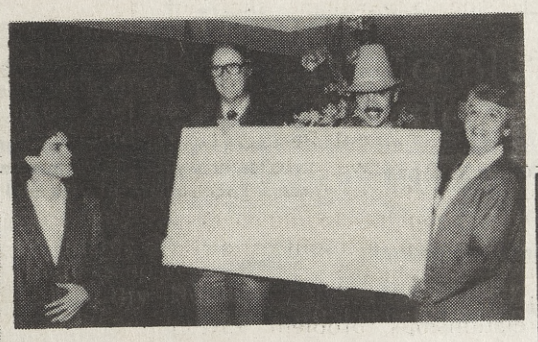

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☐ YES OK NO Mustache
☐ YES OK NO Beard
☐ YES OK NO No body hair
☐ YES OK NO Smooth chest
☐ YES OK NO Hairy chest
☐ YES OK NO Very Hairy

Race
☐ YES OK NO Caucasian
☐ YES OK NO Asian/oriental
☐ YES OK NO Black
☐ YES OK NO Latin
☐ YES OK NO East Indian

General Appearance
☐ YES OK NO Very goodlooking
☐ YES OK NO Attractive
☐ YES OK NO Average
☐ YES OK NO Below average
☐ YES OK NO Yuppie/preppie
☐ YES OK NO Young executive
☐ YES OK NO Mature executive
☐ YES OK NO Trendy
☐ YES OK NO Collegiate/jock

Dress
☐ YES OK NO Casual (t-shirt, jeans)
☐ YES OK NO Sometimes sloppy
☐ YES OK NO High fashion
☐ YES OK NO Semi-formal
☐ YES OK NO Drag

Occupation
☐ YES OK NO Financially independent
☐ YES OK NO Self-supporting
☐ YES OK NO Nonself-supporting
☐ YES OK NO Unemployed
☐ YES OK NO Student
☐ YES OK NO Office/clerical
☐ YES OK NO Service/hospitality
☐ YES OK NO Sales
☐ YES OK NO Construction
☐ YES OK NO Technical
☐ YES OK NO Self-employed/entrepreneur
☐ YES OK NO Managerial
☐ YES OK NO Professional
☐ YES OK NO Health Care
☐ YES OK NO Entertainment/arts

Substance Use
☐ YES OK NO Smoker
☐ YES OK NO Non-smoker
☐ YES OK NO Heavy drinker
☐ YES OK NO Social drinker
☐ YES OK NO Non-drinker
☐ YES OK NO Non-drug user
☐ YES OK NO Light drug user

Personality
☐ YES OK NO Assertive
☐ YES OK NO Easy-going
☐ YES OK NO Outgoing
☐ YES OK NO Publicly affectionate
☐ YES OK NO Not publicly affectionate
☐ YES OK NO Shy/reserved
☐ YES OK NO Very masculine
☐ YES OK NO Fairly masculine
☐ YES OK NO Somewhat feminine
☐ YES OK NO Very feminine
☐ YES OK NO Closeted

☐ YES OK NO Doorway
☐ YES OK NO Openly gay

Social Activities
☐ YES OK NO Spectator sports
☐ YES OK NO Working out
☐ YES OK NO Movies
☐ YES OK NO Live theatre
☐ YES OK NO TV/video
☐ YES OK NO Concerts
☐ YES OK NO Arts events
☐ YES OK NO Dining out
☐ YES OK NO Parties
☐ YES OK NO Bars/dancing
☐ YES OK NO Cooking
☐ YES OK NO Travel
☐ YES OK NO Camping/hiking
☐ YES OK NO Sailing/surfing
☐ YES OK NO Skiing
☐ YES OK NO Tennis/racquetball
☐ YES OK NO Swimming
☐ YES OK NO Cycling
☐ YES OK NO Music
☐ YES OK NO Photographer
☐ YES OK NO Painting/art

Beliefs
☐ YES OK NO Catholic
☐ YES OK NO Protestant
☐ YES OK NO Jewish
☐ YES OK NO New age
☐ YES OK NO MCC
☐ YES OK NO Very religious
☐ YES OK NO Somewhat religious
☐ YES OK NO Not religious
☐ YES OK NO Politically liberal
☐ YES OK NO Conservative
☐ YES OK NO Social democrat

Sexual Preferences
☐ YES OK NO Kissing
☐ YES OK NO Cuddling
☐ YES OK NO J/O
☐ YES OK NO French active
☐ YES OK NO French passive
☐ YES OK NO Greek active
☐ YES OK NO Greek passive
☐ YES OK NO SAFE SEX
☐ YES OK NO Toys
☐ YES OK NO Leather
☐ YES OK NO S/M top
☐ YES OK NO S/M bottom
☐ YES OK NO Heavy S/M
☐ YES OK NO Experimental
☐ YES OK NO Three-ways
☐ YES OK NO Group sex
☐ YES OK NO Very experienced
☐ YES OK NO Average experience
☐ YES OK NO Inexperienced
☐ YES OK NO Virginal
☐ YES OK NO Small to average endowment
☐ YES OK NO Average to large
☐ YES OK NO Very large endowment
☐ YES OK NO Cut
☐ YES OK NO Uncut

Special Considerations
☐ YES OK NO Sensory/speech handicap
☐ YES OK NO Movement handicap
☐ YES OK NO Have no privacy
☐ YES OK NO Have no transportation
☐ YES OK NO HIV negative
☐ YES OK NO Bisexual
☐ YES OK NO Transsexual

MGW HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

AERO PENT EVEN SOONER?...

• BETA (the Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS) suggests that people with HIV consider taking aerosolized pentamidine treatments much earlier than existing guidelines now suggest. Their suggestion is based on the fact that pentamidine is used not only to treat PCP, but can PREVENT it as well, making it an incredibly valuable frontline of defense against AIDS. The AIDS-knowledgeable physicians in the Sacramento area are now prescribing aero-pent around the 200 T-cell mark for people with HIV, and earlier if the person has had lung problems. Over 90 percent of people who have developed pneumocystis had T-cells well under 200.

AIDS Housing Aid...

• Legislation was recently introduced in Congress to provide $290 million to people with AIDS. The funds would provide them with short-term housing, rent subsidies, or temporary help in paying their mortgage, rent, or utilities.

But Not In San Jose...

• A Federal judge ordered the Department of Housing and Urban Development to reconsider its rejection of funding for proposed housing for 24 people in San Jose with AIDS. They did reconsider the issue, and turned it down again.

AIDS Exhibit Gets Over Hurdle...

• Funding for an art exhibit that portrays the effects of AIDS on the arts community was restored in New York this past month. The $10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts was withdrawn after objections by Senator Jesse Helms and suggestions from others that the exhibit violated anti-obscenity laws. But after committee members viewed **Witnesses: Against Our Vanishing,** it was determined that the sexual images depicted were realistic rather than obscene, and funding was restored.

AIDS And Women...

• There has been a 75 percent rise in AIDS deaths among women between 1986 and 1988, compared to only 42 percent among men. Black women are being especially hard hit: they're nine times more likely to die of HIV-related causes than white women.

Amanda...

• Doctors announced that Amanda Blake, TV's "Miss Kitty" from **Gunsmoke,** died of AIDS. Her fifth husband had died of PCP five years ago after a marriage of only several months to Miss Blake. **The National Enquirer** in its own enlightened way reported that she had been taking "injections of AZT" for two years, and had been cremated because all people with AIDS must be cremated. Both statements are amazingly inaccurate. AZT is not yet available in liquid form (although researchers are working on this so that children can take it more easily), and an individual who dies of an HIV-related disease or infection may be buried in any manner he or she wishes.

Transfusions Testing Continues...

• After 15 months of clinical studies on nine people with full-blown AIDS in London, the Montreal-based Medicorp Inc. has obtained a U.S. patent for a transfusion treatment, using blood plasma from HIV carriers who have no disease symptoms. Of the nine tested, six have shown no HIV antibodies after 15 months.

Recovery Examined...

• Researchers are trying to find out why and how a man who four years ago could barely walk, talk, or see because of HIV-related PML (progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy) managed to make a full recovery. Doctors can now find no trace of either HIV or PML in the blood of the 42-year-old man, reported in the current issue of **Neurology.**

AIDS In Children...

• A UCLA researcher reported to the American Heart Association that studies indicate that heart disease may be one of the most important manifestations of HIV infection in children. "Some may have no lung problems or central nervous system problems because those are being taken care of by drugs," he said. "But unfortunately they may die of heart failure."

Statistics...

• As of this month 112,241 Americans have contracted AIDS, and 66,493 have died nationwide. In California, 13,899 have died since the beginning of the epidemic in 1981. Sacramento County has lost 254 to AIDS.

Finally I Understand

Many of us this year have survived the tragic death of a friend or loved one to AIDS. We struggle to make each day mean something as we move through the labyrinth of anger, helplessness and grief, and into the broader arena of endurance, faith and love. The partners left behind by those PWAs who have passed on exist in a special place, walking among us with no outward signs of their pain, grimacing inwardly at the misspoken word, trying to cope with their grief and get on with their lives. Be mindful out there; the widowers are everywhere. This poem was written by James Kavanaugh, one of the many recently left behind, as a tribute to the love he lost to AIDS.

Finally I understand the loss of you
and why I am so shattered at your departure.
No one ever loved me like you, cared as much,
gave as much, asked as little.
No one ever looked at me as you did.

You were the harbor where I came home,
a boat in a bathtub made to feel
like a multi-masted schooner.
I do now know what to do without you.
I cannot replace your eyes, your smile,
your joy in my presence.
This very moment I want no one but you,
to hear your voice, to feel the reassurance
that only you can give.

And all the while you lived, I had no idea
you held the pieces together.
Now I am a broken statue,
a mortally wounded soldier waiting to die.
Where did you go?
Where are you resting now?

I would take you as a barely breathing corpse,
a paraplegic, my God, a silent vegetable,
And love you as much as anyone in the world
ever loved, because finally I understand.

What does one do with grief that never leaves,
the kind that time cannot heal?
How does one live when sadness is everywhere
at your departure?
I scream silently for you in the night,
long for you each morning,
Your wisdom and kindness, your generosity
and strength, most of all, your love.
Uncomplaining, unjudging, you held my heart
and made me feel that the whole world stopped
to stare at me.

But now I live in exile,
ignorant of an adventure
I cannot share when we shared
everything before.
Wondering if I can ever love anyone
as much as you loved me,
Afraid I cannot feel as free and strong
in anyone's presence again.

I wish I had asked you how to love,
for I cannot open my heart completely,
to love without question or qualification
And I fear that no one but you
can really touch me.

At times, near the end, I thought you wanted
to die, that you were afraid to live.
Now I know that you loved with your whole being
and death had lost its power in love.
What more is life than this? And finally
I understand.

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Alcohol & drugs can give you more then a hangover

Alcohol and drugs can scramble your decisions about Unsafe Sex.

If you are having Unsafe Sex because of alcohol or drugs, you can do something about it.

Stop on your own, or if you can't, ask for help. Call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and find out where you can get some help.

The next BUDDY CONNECTION Safe Sex Workshop is scheduled for:

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MGW PROFILE

Liz Huesemann: Helping Gay and Lesbian Youth

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

CHICAGO — While many gay and lesbian adolescents dread the upcoming holidays because it means that much more time at home, young gay men and lesbians of Chicago look forward to what psychologists say is the most stressful time of year.

A feast of activities — from potlucks to caroling and parties — helps gay and lesbian youth feel they are part of a family.

This sense of belonging is critical because so many young gays feel alienated to begin with. During the winter holidays — from Thanksgiving to Hanukkah to Christmas and New Year's — they often find the emphasis on hearth and home too much to bear.

"Gay youth can be a very high-risk population," said Liz Huesemann of Horizons Community Services in Chicago.

"If we don't address it and deal with it, drugs, alcohol and suicide are just some of the things that can happen."

Huesemann, 33, knows what she's talking about because she's been there.

As a young lesbian, she became a victim of fear and isolation herself — one who turned to drugs and alcohol to dim the pain.

"I'm one of the statistics," said Huesemann. "I had a difficult time growing up. And I covered it up with drugs and alcohol."

Today, the 33-year-old woman heads youth services at the Chicago community center.

Like Huesemann, gay and lesbian youth face overwhelming odds in adolescence. Most are not out to their parents and are afraid their parents will find out.

This fear isn't just idle paranoia. Teens who are honest and open are often rejected by their family and friends. At school, they are laughed at, ridiculed and even beaten up. Their drop-out rate is way above the national average.

At one of the most critical periods of their lives, at a time when hormones and emotion are running at their highest, when belonging and being loved is one of their most pressing needs, they face a condemning and ruthlessly hostile environment.

The aim of Horizons is to help young gay, lesbian and bisexual youth deal with their sexuality during this harsh period, to integrate their sexuality into their lives and to become stable, adjusted adults. It provides role models, support groups, a library and a safe place to make friends with other gays their own age.

Without organizations like Horizons — of which there are only a handful in the U.S. — these overwhelming feelings of being alienated and outcast often lead to destructive means of escape such as drugs, alcohol and even suicide.

The recent report by the Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the gay community's worst fears about what the next generation has to face, citing suicide as the leading cause of death among gay and lesbian youth.

According to the report, gay and lesbian youth may account for nearly 30 percent of all successful youth suicides each year.

"Homosexuals are two to six times more likely to attempt suicide than are heterosexuals," the report stated.

These horrifying statistics aren't just numbers at Horizons. The teenagers Huesemann deals with every day bear the scars of these terrifying figures.

"Our records show that one out of every four to five people in the youth group may have attempted suicide before coming into the program," said Huesemann.

Most gay youth have no one to turn to and are lucky if they can find a sympathetic adult who can help them with their fears.

The crying need for these services is evident not just from the number of suicides but the number of teens Horizons sees each year. Founded a decade ago, Horizons helped 400 gay youth this past year. Last year, 375 came through the doors seeking help.

"The program started because of the youth out there that was hiding," said Huesemann.

"Kids don't feel safe enough in school to say to teachers or friends that they are lesbian or gay."

Today, the organization provides a safe, fun place for gay teens from Illinois, Wisconsin and even Indiana.

In December, they'll have an evening of caroling with other gay friends and "Just Because" party with music and dancing. This winter cornucopia comes after a Thanksgiving potluck held at a pizza parlor the night before the big event, a Halloween party, a Valentine's dance and a proper high school prom at a local restaurant that featured dinner and dancing.

"We're a social service agency but we try to provide lots of activities that are fun," said Liz Huesemann, director of youth services.

Huesemann speaks at schools statewide on a regular basis about being gay, talking about the risks gay youth face, answering questions and trying to combat negative sterotypes.

For Huesemann, being a speaker is one of the few painful aspects of the job.

"I often ask myself why I have to do this," said Huesemann. "And I wonder how many times in sex ed classes I have to see people and say I'm a homosexual.

Liz Huesemann

The widely-respected agency now has two paid staff, 25 volunteers and is part of a larger community service network that provide services for drug and alcohol abusers and the homeless. Teens are referred to Horizons by social service programs throughout the state and it does its own outreach.

The center prints cards about itself and its services that teens from Horizons then take to their school and put in library books.

"The kids themselves put cards into books other kids might read," said Huesemann.

Horizons trains local teachers and counselors in how to deal with gay youth and the particular issues of self-hatred and low self-esteem they often have.

"I keep asking why can't people just accept each other — whether they are heterosexual or homosexual?"

With a masters in social work, Huesemann has been working with teens for the past ten years. Before becoming the first paid director of Horizons, she worked with teen drug and alcohol programs.

"I've always found it easy to communicate with kids," said Huesemann. "Probably because I had such a hard time myself."

When Huesemann counsels teens on the dangers of drugs and alcohol, she speaks from experience. She is a recovering alcoholic who started drinking in adolescence.

Huesemann's father was a minister of a United Church of Christ. As a result of her strict upbringing, Huesemann understands how parents can be well-meaning but still part of the problem.

"They come to us because their kid doesn't come home anymore and they don't know how to deal with it," said Huesemann.

Huesemann does what she can to educate parents about the stereotypes of lesbians and gays. She tries to teach them that — contrary to their ideas — homosexuality is not a mental illness and that sexuality cannot be changed.

"But the emphasis is on the teen, not the parent," she said. Youth safety and protection is paramount.

"Many times the kids are not out to the parents. The parents may not even be aware that the kids are at Horizons. But that's okay.

"That's what we mean by a safe place."

To get around the need for parental permission to attend meetings, Horizons holds support groups rather than formal, therapy groups.

"We provide support groups — not individual therapy programs — because the kids don't need parental permission to be there."

As many as 30 teens show up for the support groups. The weekly drop-in evenings can bring in as many as 80 teens a night.

If a teen needs special help, Huesemann herself does the immediate crisis intervention. But if a youngster requires long-term care, he or she can be referred to another counselor.

With ten years under its belt, Horizons is looking forward to another decade of growth. One goal is to reach 500 teenagers in the next few years.

"Horizons is a place where gay kids don't have to be isolated, where they can make emotional connections," said Huesemann. "It's really great to be able to participate in a program that's really needed."

Making those kinds of meaningful connections on a regular basis is essential for everyone, not just gay and lesbian youth.

And at its best, taking the time to do just that is what this holiday season is all about. ■

SUICIDE: Escape From Life's Turmoil For Some

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

CHICAGO — Gay teens are not the only ones prone to suicide. Teens and adults nationwide are finding it a handy means of escape from the turmoil of life.

In the U.S., there are nearly 75 suicides a day, adding up to some 300,000 people who take their lives each decade.

Why do people turn to suicide? Psychologists have been trying to answer that question for centuries but statisticians are using numbers to find common threads.

Suicides tend to be most prevalent in people who do not have a strong group identity or communal support system. There is less suicide, for instance, among the Amish or among blacks in the Deep South — people who have strong community ties that bind them to the group and give them a sense of worth. Isolated gay teens who are afraid of being rejected by their peers are particularly vulnerable in this regard.

There are more suicides in states with highly mobile populations. The Southwest, Alaska and Colorado have the highest suicide rates in the nation.

Suicide tends to rise after famous people take their own lives. Suicides went up more than ten percent during the month Marilyn Monroe took her life.

Suicides also run in families. Whether this comes from a genetic predisposition, unhealthy learned behavior patterns that make coping with the stress of life impossible or simply the view that suicide is an option isn't known.

Holidays tend to bring family and friends together which may make people more able to endure continuing trouble — or simply make suicide less practical. The let down afterwards leads to an increase.

Four psychological states make a person particularly vulnerable to suicide — feelings of helplessness, shame, hopelessness and agitation.

These are often compounded by depression, irritability and the use of alcohol and drugs.

For some people, suicide comes to be seen as the only way to take control of their lives or to protect a fragile sense of self.

How do you know if someone is thinking about suicide?

There are no hard and fast rules but the major key seems to be drastic changes in behavior such as recklessness (driving drunk, too fast or dicing with death in any way); sudden bursts of irritability and anger in a person who is usually easy-going; marked depression or withdrawal; no interest in the future; and talk of not being around anymore. These hints are particularly important if a person is giving away possessions or if they have figured out a plan or a means of taking their life.

If you think someone is contemplating suicide, don't be afraid to ask if they are, to talk to them about it or to call a suicide prevention hotline for them. ■

MGW Calendar

December

1 Friday

►**Top Brass**, Pops Series. Sacramento Symphony. 649-0200.

►**Season's Greetings**, Sacramento City Actors Theatre. 8pm. Art Court Theatre. 3835 Freeport Blvd.. $5-$7. 449-SCAT.

►**A Christmas Carol**, Sacramento Theatre Co. 1419 H St.. $16-$19. 8pm. 443-6722.

►**Dickens Christmas Faire**. Coloma School. 4623 T St.

►**"Sharing the Season."** Sacramento Arrangers Guild 15th Annual Christmas Show. Garden & Arts Center. 3330 McKinley Blvd.. 10-5pm.

►**Lust and Pity**. Theatre Rhinoceros. 2926 16th St.. SF. 8pm. $8-$15. (415) 861-5079.

►**The Lady on the Road**. New Works Theatre Festival. Guild Theatre. 35th & Broadway. 8pm. 451-3335.

►**Louise Wisechild**, author. The Obsidian Mirror: An Adult Healing From Incest. reading and booksigning. Lioness Books. 2224 J St.. 7pm.

►**Reception**. Luba Felici. contemporary color photographs. The Darkroom. 708 57th St.. 7:30-9:30pm. exhibition thru Dec. 30. 454-4906.

►**Hidden: A Gender**. Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros. 2926 16th St.. S.F.. Thurs thru Sun.. 8:30 p.m. $9-$10. thru Dec. 23. (415) 861-5079.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. Garbeau's Dinner Theatre. 12401 Folsom Blvd.. Rancho Cordova. Res. required. 985-6361.

►**Cris Williamson & Teresa Trull**. The Palms. Davis. 7 & 9:30pm. $18.50. Barney's. Howe Ave. Box Office. Comm. Center Box Office. BASS outlets.

2 Saturday

►**Seasons Greetings**. see Dec. 1.

►**Carols in the Caves**. Buena Vista Winery. Sonoma. 6 & 8:30pm. $15. (707) 963-9630.

►**A Christmas Carol**. see Dec. 1. 2 & 8pm.

►**Reception for C. Dowling** (acrylics). J. Salska (gouache drawings). E. Parkhurst (mixed media constructions). 7-9pm. Matrix Gallery. 1725 I St.. exhibition 11/29-12/23. 441-4818.

►**Dickens Christmas Faire**. Coloma School. 4623 T St.

►**"Sharing the Season."** see Dec. 1.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**The Lady on the Road**. see Dec. 1.

►**"All I Want for Christmas."** eclectic exhibition of original works by No. Calif. artists. Michael Himovitz Gallery and Intrigues/C.J. Miller Crafts. 1020 10th St. reception. 6:30-8:30pm. exhibition thru Dec. 22. 448-8723.

►**Artist Studio Tour**. Lite Rail Gallery. 918 12th St.. 11am-5pm.

►**Matrix Gallery Exhibition**. Lynn Eder. Elizabeth Medrano. Joanna Salska. Carole Slief. 1725 I St.. Reception 7-9pm. exhibition Dec. 2-23. 441-4818.

►**"Southside Signatures**. Art to Wear product line. artists from Southside Art Center. DITO Gallery. 1724 L St.. reception 6-8pm. exhibition thru Dec. 29. 441-DITO.

►**Speaking from Silence**, journal writing workshop for women survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Louise Wisechild. author. The Obsidian Mirror: An Adult Healing from Incest. 10-4:30pm. Lioness Books. 2224 J St.. $60-$90. 442-4657.

►**Reception**. 750's Last Show of the 80s. 7-9pm. 750 Gallery. 1727 I St. Exhibition thru Dec. 24.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

3 Sunday

►**Seasons Greetings**. 2pm. see Dec. 1.

►**Poetry Readings**. Jennifer Jean O'Neill. Barbara Stein. Webber's Book Shop. 2107 P St.. 8pm. $2. 446-9346.

►**Dignity Women's Potluck**. 1pm. 456-1396.

►**Sharing the Season**. see Dec. 1.

►**"Country Victorian Christmas-A Bed and Breakfast Tour."** 4 Amador County Victorian Inns. $8. 1-800-752-8738.

►**"It's Possible" Community Banquet**. middle Eastern Cuisine. celebration and entertainment. support the spirit of Israeli-Palestinian dialogue. Masonic Hall. 1123 J St.. $15. $10 (low income). 441-1013.

►**Lust and Pity**. 3 & 8pm. see Dec. 1.

►**AIDS Dance-A-Thon**. fundraiser. Kennel Club. 628 Divisadero. S.F.. 2-7pm.

►**Barefoot in the Park** see Dec. 1.

4 Monday

►**Women's Rap & Social**, "Sex Issues." Lambda Center. 7-9pm. 442-0185.

5 Tuesday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 6:30pm. see Dec. 1.

►**Crocker Art Museum 1989**, "Shop & Sherry." noon-8pm. free. 449-5423.

6 Wednesday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 6:30pm. see Dec. 1.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

►**Monthly potluck**: Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento. Res. deadline for Jan. 14th ski weekend. Stan. 441-3285.

7 Thursday

►**Being Alive Living Room**. drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease. refreshments. games. conversation. 2-5pm. Lambda Community Center. 442-0185.

►**A Christmas Carol**. 8pm. see Dec. 1.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**Bereavement Support Group** for Parents and family members of persons who have died of AIDS. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. 4641 Marconi Ave. Fireside Room. free. 7pm. 483-5691 or 456-9612.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

8 Friday

►**Seasons Greetings**. see Dec. 1.

►**A Christmas Carol**. see Dec. 1.

►**The Nutcracker**, Sacramento Ballet Co.. Community Center Theatre. $12-$60. 8pm. 444-2491.

►**Sacramento Men's Chorus. Winter Concert Series**. First United Methodist Church. 21st & J St.. 8pm. $8. Howe Ave. Box Office. Lambda Community Center. The Gifted Gardener.

►**Craft Festivals**. Sacramento Community Center. thru Dec. 10.

►**Pillars Holiday Party**. 455-1771.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

9 Saturday

►**Madrigal Christmas**. Medieval Renaissance food. music & ceremony. 8pm. $22. Great Hall. Miner's Foundry. Nevada City. 265-5804.

►**Carols in the Caves**. Buena Vista Winery. Sonoma. 6 & 8:30pm.

►**A Christmas Carol**. see Dec. 1.

►**Seasons Greetings**. see Dec. 1.

►**The Nutcracker**. see Dec. 8.

►**Sacramento Men's Chorus Winter Concert Series**. see Dec. 8.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**"T-Shirts."** Lambda Community Center Players. Curtain 8:15. Tickets $4. RSVP Neil. 442-0185.

►**Scottish Christmas Fair and Walk**. noon-5pm. Volcano. Gaelic Blessing at Catholic Church. 5pm. (209) 223-0350.

►**San Francisco Earthquake Show**. Lite Rail Gallery. 918 12th St.. 11am-5pm.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

►**Craft Fair** featuring local artists and crafts women. Lioness Books. 2224 J St.. noon-7pm.

10 Sunday

►**Poetry Readings**. Mary Zeppa. Catie Marconi. Webber's Book Shop. 2107 P St.. 8pm. $2. 446-9346.

►**A Christmas Carol**. 2 & 7pm. see Dec.

►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

►**"T-Shirts."** see Dec. 9.

►**Dignity. Mass and Christmas Party**. 3pm. St. Francis Church. 26th & K St.

►**SACWN Holiday Party**. 2-7pm. Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex. entertainment. hors d'oeuvres. dancing. men and women invited! $12 pre-paid members. $15 non members. at the door. 486-8985.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 1.

►**Craft Fair** featuring local artists and crafts women. Lioness Books. 2224 J St.. 10am-5pm.

11 Monday

►**Women's Rap and Social**. Potluck. Lambda Center. 7-9pm. 442-0185.

12 Tuesday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 6:30pm. See Dec. 1.

►**Couples Communication Workshop**: Going for WIN-WIN. 7pm. $35/couple. Kate Guzman. LCSW. 447-0350.

13 Wednesday

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►**Lust and Pity**. see Dec. 1.

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14 Thursday

►**"Being Alive Living Room."** see Dec. 7.

►**A Christmas Carol**. 8pm. see Dec. 1.

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►**Bereavement Support Group**. see Dec. 7.

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►**A Christmas Carol**. Sacramento Theatre Co.. 1419 H St.. $16-$19. 8pm. 443-6722.

►**The Nutcracker**. Community Center. $12-$60. 8pm. 444-2491.

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18 Monday

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20 Wednesday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 6:30pm. see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express**. see Dec. 19.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 15.

21 Thursday

►**Being Alive Living Room**. Lambda Community Center. 2-5pm. 442-0185.

►**A Christmas Carol**. 8pm. see Dec. 16.

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22 Friday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 8pm. see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express**. see Dec. 19.

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23 Saturday

►**A Christmas Carol**. 2 & 8pm. see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express**. also 2:30pm. see Dec. 19.

►**Barefoot in the Park**. see Dec. 15.

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Investing in the 1990s

by Catherine Whitney
OF MGW STAFF

With 1989 quickly drawing to a close, now is a good time to take a look at what is in store for 1989 taxes.

Fortunately, Congress has not completely rewritten the Internal Revenue Code as they did in 1986. But some of the provisions of the 1986 Act will go into effect in the 1989 tax year. This year both the standard deduction and the personal exemption will be higher. The standard deduction will be as follows: married filing jointly — $5,200; Head of Household — $4,550; Single — $3,100; Married filing separately — $2,600.

For the older taxpayer, there is an additional standard deduction. If you are 65 or older or if you are blind, you may deduct an extra $600. If you are 65 and blind, the deduction is $1,200. For single taxpayers who are over 65, the deduction is $750 or $1,500 if you are over 65 and blind.

The new personal exemption will be $2,000. In addition, the tax brackets have moved higher for the 1989 tax year. What this will mean to you is you may earn more money before you must pay at a higher rate. A married filing joint taxpayer will pay at a 15 percent tax rate on income that isn't over $30,950. Above that you pay at a 28 percent clip. Heads of households with taxable income not over $24,850 pay 15 percent. Single people pay 15 percent until their taxable income reaches $18,550. If you are doing very well this year, you will be hit with an additional 5 percent tax when your income reaches the following levels: MFJ — $74,850; HH — $64,200; Single — $44,900; MFS — $37,425. The 5 percent surtax disappears at different income levels, depending on your filing status and the exemptions to which you are entitled.

With the higher standard deduction and personal exemption we will see fewer people itemizing their deductions. For those who will continue to itemize, there will be just a few changes. The medical deductions will continue to have a 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income subtracted before you get a deduction. The deduction for taxes will be the same, but there will be some changes in the interest. In 1989, you can deduct only 20 percent of your personal interest expense (such as car loans, credit cards, etc). The interest on your home and your vacation home will still be totally deductible. You may take a full deduction on a home equity loan for as much as $100,000, regardless of what you use the money for. There are changes in the way travel expenses are handled this year. If you use your car for company business, and you do not give your employer an accounting of your expenses, and you keep the excess reimbursement, you will have to report this expense as miscellaneous itemized deductions and it will be subject to the 2 percent of AGI floor. As a result, if your adjusted gross income is $50,000, you would have to run up a total of $1,000 before you could deduct anything at all.

There is a new rule for children in college. If your child will be 24 years old by the end of the year and he or she earns more than $2,000, you can not take a dependency exemption, even if the child is a full-time student.

There also are new rules about income earned by children under 14, or the "Kiddie Tax." This year you will have the option to include your child's income on your return, if the child has income between $500 and $5,000 which consists solely of interest or dividends.

There will be a new law that affects EE savings bonds you buy next year and in succeeding years. There will be no federal income tax due on the interest earned if the money is used for higher education. To qualify, the bonds should be in the parents' name, instead of the child's.

Couples filing jointly can qualify for the full exemption, if their AGI is under $60,000. The exemption gradually phases out above the amount and ends at $90,000. Next year, a child of two years old must have a social security number, and it must be reported on your tax return. In order to qualify for a dependent care credit, your child must be under 13 years old and you must furnish the social security number, the name and the address of the person providing the care.

Congress is currently working on two very controversial issues. President Bush is pushing for a reduction in the Capital Gains tax, and a bill recently passed out of committee that will lower the rate to below 20 percent. In addition, they are trying to resolve the issue of the Medicare catastrophic surtax. There has been such an outcry about the new tax that they are considering several alternatives, including reducing the tax or doing away with it entirely. I shall keep you posted when these new laws are finally enacted. ■

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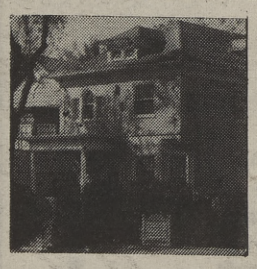
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Relationship Enhancement:
Communicating Differences

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

This series is about establishing rules for the dialogue of your differences. Establishing some mutually agreed upon rules will remove chaos from your arguments and will create a comfortable and safe place in which to share your inner Self. In the early parts I discussed finding a safe setting where you can quietly sit face-to-face. Key rules are: agree on the rules; no physical violence; stay sober; assume a sharing, open attitude; do not interrupt; decide how to announce you need a break; make "I" statements; discuss your reactions to body language; agree to disagree; stay in the present moment; agree to an end of the argument; be honest; avoid manipulative tactics.

14. DEFINE THE LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION.

When you are having an argument, can you stay on the subject? Earlier I discussed staying in the present moment. Don't drag up old resentments ranging from "You didn't do the dishes last week," to "You offered no emotional support when my cat died," in order to fuel an argument over how to pay the SMUD bill. One way to define subject areas is to place them in the categories of sensation, emotion, behavior and judgment. Here is an example of a dialogue where all four of these are jumbled, resulting in an argument that stalemates.

Lisa: I really don't like it when you scratch my thighs with those long fingernails of yours during sex play!

Debbie: What's wrong with my fingernails? You just start in on me because you don't like me being "femme."

Lisa: I'm not talking about you being femme, I'm just telling you about your fingernails.

Debbie: If I want to spend $40 having my nails done that's my business. I think they look better than yours!

Lisa: You'd be better off saving that $40 for that leather jacket you want!

In the end, Lisa lost her point and let anger carry her off into a completely irrelevant topic. Let's dissect this dialogue into the categories.

Lisa: I really don't like it (JUDGMENT) when you scratch my thighs (BEHAVIOR)...

Debbie: What's wrong? (JUDGMENT)...

As is typical in an argument, Debbie responds to the judgment indirectly and not to the behavioral part of the message. Most people are sensitive to judgment because in their own minds they are (unfortunately) relentlessly judging themselves.

Debbie continues to escalate the situation by indirectly stating her fear of total rejection (EMOTION) with "You don't like me being femme." The equation is: fingernails are femme --- femme is Debbie's identity. Therefore if fingernails are rejected, Debbie is rejected. This statement may also be a movement back in time to a previous unsettled argument.

Lisa: "...I'm just telling you about your fingernails." is a vague reference. She has lost her original point which was sensation and improving sensate experience in sexplay. Then the subject is changed and lost to a new topic of spending money. Take a moment to think of an opening line for Lisa which would keep her in the topic of sensation.

Lisa: The feeling of being scratched on my thighs (SENSATION) really distracts me from the terrific sexual sensations I have with you in sexplay. (compliment)

Debbie: I scratched you? That's why you seemed to stop? (clarification)

Lisa: Yes, it's hard for me to tell you because I don't want to sound critical (avoidance of judgment). You really are a terrific sex partner! (compliment)

Debbie: I guess I was a little too rough with you. Don't worry next time I'll be more careful with my nails.

In this dialogue, Lisa's use of compliments as well as her direct statement of not wanting to be judgmental allows Debbie to feel more open to the final result: a change in her BEHAVIOR which improves Debbie's SENSATION. Note that this dialogue also employs the use of "I" statements (a previous rule). These statements keep the dialogue in the realm of sharing one's own experience.

If you have an issue with your partner, it would be well for you to think about which of these four categories best describe it. These categories are interdependent: someone BEHAVES a certain way; the other reacts EMOTIONALLY; the first can cast JUDGMENT on the other for his emotionality; the other reacts with a headache (SENSATION). A long conversation may eventually cover all this territory, but it is simpler to begin by always referring back to the original topic.

Don: Alan, I need to talk to you about how I'm feeling. (EMOTION)

Alan: You know I'm uncomfortable talking about feelings! But I do want to be able to be closer to you.

Don: I know you hate emotional conversations, but maybe with practice it'll be easier for both of us. Anyway I want your help to stay on the subject.

Alan: Okay, run it by me.

Don: I haven't been myself... I've been feeling so depressed since George died of AIDS two months ago.

Alan: Oh God! I don't know what to say, his death hit me hard too.

Don: Look, you don't have to say anything. Just put your arms around me and let me ramble about what I'm going through.

Alan: But I guess you do want me to keep you on the topic of George's death, right? No sidetracking onto safer topics like science discovering a vaccine?

Don: Yes. So...

Behavioral topics may be the easiest to stay on track: dividing household chores; spending money; how to spend leisure time. Judgmental topics are difficult ones because the members of the couple are defining their moral code often by criticizing the immorality of their partner. Judgment of the other implies that they are doing something wrong. They must change the behavior or the attitude to reach an acceptable evaluation. Since most people are motivated by a desire to be accepted, arguments which are judgmental are especially painful. The topic of judging and criticizing will be further covered in Part 9: Values Clarification.

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San Francisco Opera Slides

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

The earth was not the only thing in SF to slide this fall; the opera season slipped too. A distinctly mediocre "Otello" brought **Ermanno Mauro's** first (and hopefully last) local Moor. His dry, graceless tenor had the ring for the high notes, but his primitive singing and acting lacked all subtlety. **Brent Ellis** made Iago more of a scheming weasel than a towering figure of evil, and his small-scale baritone just was not up to the part. As a spiritless Desdemona, **Katia Ricciarelli's** gorgeous soprano floated ethereally at times, but was inaudible in soft passages and severely distressed at high volume. As Cassio, **John David De Hahn's** thick tenor had heft but no flexibility, a recurring problem in everything he sings. **Kazimierz Kord's** tempos often left singers gasping. The 1970 sets and costumes are still breathtaking.

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Magnificent female singing kept Verdi's **"Aida"** alive, but the males were not up to it. Replacing **Sharon Sweet** (who had bronchitis) as Aida, American soprano **Alessandra Marc,** unleashed tidal waves of sound yet scaled her huge instrument down for a shimmering Nile scene. Her unique voice seems to come out of a well and carries easily on even the softest notes; only her chest voice is weak. Unfortunately, her size is as massive as her voice, limiting her dramatic possibilities. Yet she is effective as an actress, and certainly acts through her voice. This is a major talent. **Lotti Mansouri** should have been backstage, opera contract in hand! As Amneris, **Dolora Zajick's** mezzo-soporano had fire and power; she received an ovation after the Judgement Scene. The rest of the cast was sadly below these standards. **Vladimir Popov's** tenor was clarion at times, but mostly he whined and bleated his way through Rhadames' music, sounding strangled. There is no velvet in his voice. **Timothy Noble's** small-scale baritone and fist-clenching style of acting robbed Amonasro of authority. **Kevin Langan's** Ramfis had rich low notes but less security on top. Conductor **Cal Stewart Kellogg** kept things together and excitement high. The sets, a bit gimmicky perhaps, are colorful and grand.

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Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" returned on October 28, although the reason was not apparent. This was the most uninvolving performance of this opera I have ever seen. **Nikki Li Hartliep** has neither the looks nor voice for the geisha. Her singing was often unsteady, wooly, and fluttery. She had neither fragility nor a great outpouring of sound, either of which could make a thrilling Butterfly. She was too fat to be believable as a delicate 15-year-old and looked foolish mincing around the stage. Ukranian tenor **Vyacheslav Polozov** had physical beauty but no dramatic insight for Pinkerton. In Act I, he wore the perpetual vacant smile of Dan Quayle. He sang well, especially in Act III, but with little shading or delicacy. Conductor **John Fiore** had the orchestra too loud during the long conversational sections of Act I, and solo passages were often carelessly played. The stage sets desperately need to be replaced!

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Lucie Blue Tremblay, A Talented Performer

by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

On Friday, November 10, Lucie Blue Tremblay played before a medium-sized crowd of fans at the Crest Theater in downtown Sacramento. Lucie Blue, a French-Canadian, wowed her audience with a variety of songs from her newly released second album "Tendresse", along with several older selections, and one-or-two new songs which may well appear on her next album.

Unlike many solo performers who have to struggle to capture their audiences, Lucie Blue quickly took control of her Sacramento concert by involving the audience in singing several of her songs in both French and English. The crowd seemed eager to participate and followed her lead throughout the show.

While I enjoyed Lucie Blue's music as well as the overall quality of her performance, I would suggest that she spend a little less time explaining her songs to the audience. While an overview is nice, I found myself getting bored with the word-for-word translations of her many French songs. French is a beautiful, sensuous language that tends to seductively tease the ear and should therefore be enjoyed rather than explained. With this in mind, I might suggest that the producers of Lucie Blue's concert tour pass out flyers/advertisements to concertgoers with the lyrics of the songs (in English and French) included and save Lucie Blue's voice for what she does best — singing!

Lucie Blue Tremblay, comical, entertaining and very talented is definitely a winner among the many fine women's music performers associated with Olivia Records. Lucie Blue's November 10 concert put a smile on my face and a song in my heart. ■

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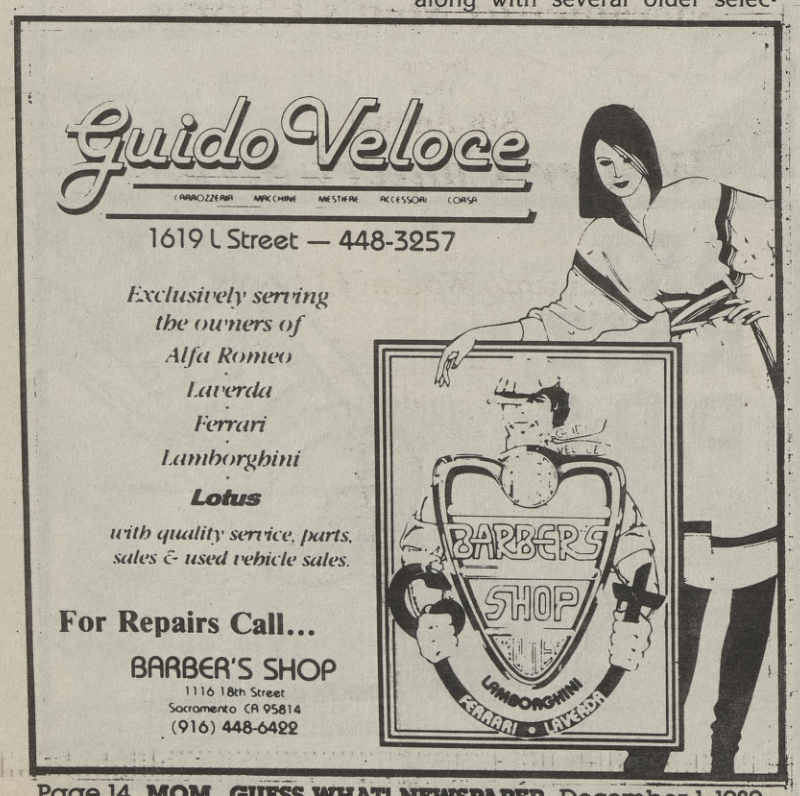
Lucie Blue Tremblay



Traditional Holiday Traditional Music

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

The listener who prefers "classical" music that is familiar, rather than "modern" music, will be pleased with the concerts scheduled for the Thanksgiving weekend. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 24, 25, and 26, the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra will present its annual "Subscribers' Choice" program.

It's music we all know and love: Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 "Eroica" and Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini. Most readers of this piece recognize the first two compositions by name. They will recognize the third when they hear it.

The Rachmaninoff piece, a piano concerto, will be played by Roy Bogas, a Northern California resident popular with local audiences. The individual styles of two distinct and popular composers are fused in this striking work. Rachmaninoff wrote 24 variations of the theme from Paganini's "Caprice No. 24." The variations are divided into three large sections like the movements of a conventional concerto.

Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony made a drastic break with previous classical styles and changed the future of music. The symphony was dedicated to Napoleon, whom Beethoven greatly admired. But, when Napoleon declared himself Emperor in 1804, Beethoven was disillusioned, flew into a rage and tore the title page in half. Nevertheless, the symphony was still published in 1806 with the title "Eroica" or "Hero."

Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture is everyone's favorite, especially at Fourth of July celebrations from Boston to Sacramento. According to the symphony's Insight Notes, the overture describes the clashing of the French and Russian armies at the Battle of Borodino and Napoleon's escape from Moscow.

In December, the orchestra will present its annual Messiah Sing-Along and many members of the orchestra will play for the Sacramento Ballet's annual Nutcracker performances. Also, on December 1 and 2, an ensemble called "Top Brass" will present one of the orchestra's Pops Concerts.

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$3.2 Million Pac Bell Case Settled

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

San Francisco — Over 200 lesbians and gay men who have been party to a 14-year-long lawsuit against Pacific Bell over employment discrimination have been notified that they can at least collect the $3.2 million class-action settlement reached in December 1986. The awards to the 205 women and men will vary from several thousand dollars up to $80,000 depending on the arbitrator's finding in each claim.

The settlement, the largest single monetary award in lesbian/gay rights history, stems from a suit originally filed in June 1975 by the Gay Law Students Association against Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, the parent company of Pacific Bell. On appeal in May 1979, the company argued that even if the claims of discrimination against lesbians and gays were true the case should be thrown out because California law didn't forbid employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

However the California Supreme Court ruled that in fact the state's labor code, which bans discrimination because of political activity, also forbids discrimination because of sexual orientation. The court argued that being openly lesbian or gay was an integral part of the lesbian/gay rights political movement and was therefore protected as political activity.

The suit was originally filed by the Gay Law Students Association because several of its members had been denied employment or promotion by Pacific Bell, the city's largest employer. Company documents later proved anti-lesbian/gay hiring and promotion practices were corporate policy. Applicants who were either openly lesbian or gay or who were believed to be by the interviewers or supervisors were categorized "Code 48" which company memos later showed to be an internal code denoting homosexuals.

Steven Rathfon, Pacific Bell's senior legal counsel, said the settlement was "almost a giveaway," and that despite the company's written policy at the time against hiring "manifest homosexuals," the firm has never admitted to the discrimination charges. Rathfon said the 1986 out-of-court settlement had been reached between Pacific Bell and National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) "just to end the expensive court case."

After the 1986 settlement, advertisements were placed in newspapers throughout California notifying people who had been discriminated against by Pacific Bell because of their sexual orientation, either in hiring or job promotion, that they could file claims as part of the settlement.

A total of 236 claims were filed, and former Oakland, Ca., Superior Court Judge Robert Bostick was appointed arbitrator to review the individual claims and the Pacific Bell responses to each. On July 7, Bostick mailed notices to 205 of the claimants telling them they could collect their damages within 60 days. The amount of each claim was determined on the basis of lost wages and distress.

The San Francisco law firm of Heller, Eherman, White and McAuliffe acted as co-counsel with NGRA and Heller partner Charles Freiberg led the legal team that brought about the settlement. "We hope this settlement serves as a strong reminder to employers," Freiberg said, "that discrimination based on sexual orientation will result in severe financial repercussions." ■

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Pride Coordinators Set Up Helpline

New York... The International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators (IALGPC) has established a new information service for those wanting to organize Pride events in their community. When individuals call (612) 336-4111, IALGPC will put them in touch with members across the United States and Canada who have expertise in planning marches, parades, festivals and rallies. IALGPC was founded in 1982 to strengthen and support Pride organizations across the country in their efforts to plan Lesbian/Gay Pride celebrations. In 1985, the group became international with representation from Canada, West Germany and the Netherlands. Both existing and forming groups are invited to call the helpline for assistance and to request the free newsletter and how-to sheets issued by IALGPC. ■

—Press Release

Paper Company Settles

New York... Bradner Smith & Company, a paper retail company based in Chicago, has agreed to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy in both its Wisconsin and Chicago offices in settlement of a complaint filed by a former gay employee under the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act. In addition to the policy change in employment practices, the company has also agreed to a $15,000 financial settlement. ■

—Press Release

$20,000 Settlement For Anti-Gay Verbal Assault

San Francisco... A victory has been achieved in a lawsuit filed on behalf of a gay man who was verbally assaulted and refused service by an ARCO AM/PM Mini Market in Los Angeles. Johnny Ray Gearhart entered the market to redeem a winning lottery ticket. The clerk refused to serve him, yelling "Get out of the store, faggot. I don't want to catch AIDS." Gearhart is represented by Peter Laura from the Law Offices of Leroy S. Walker, and is backed by the full support of National Gay Rights Advocates. ■

—NGRA Press Release

Insurance Company Announces Settlement

New York... United Services Life Insurance Company announced out-of-court settlement of a suit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York brought by a New York student who alleged that he was asked to pay a higher premium for a life insurance policy because he was perceived to be gay. ■

—Press Release

Court Urged To Punish Gay-Bashers

The National Gay Rights Advocates has asked the California Supreme Court to reverse a lower court decision that reduced the prison sentences of three gay-bashers. A jury convicted three men on charges of second degree murder. But in August of this year, the California Court of Appeal reduced these convictions to involuntary manslaughter, claiming that there was insufficient evidence for the jury to find the degree of malice needed for murder. ■

—NGRA Press Release

Judge Dismisses Suit

Judge Oliver Gasch dismissed a suit by highly commended midshipman, Joseph Steffan, on whether Steffan should be forced to answer questions about his sexual activity. Steffan refused to submit to government demands that he answer whether he had engaged in homosexual conduct before and after being discharged from the Naval Academy. Sandy Lowe of Lambda Legal Defense stated, "We will appeal the dismissal. Sexual conduct has never been an issue in this case, and the judge's dismissal of the entire suit is unfair and legally improper." ■

—Press Release

450 Activists Gather At Conference

Washington, DC... 450 gay and lesbian activists from 34 states gathered on November 9-12 in Washington DC at the second annual Creating Change conference, organized and sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). The featured programs, included a special Award to the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus for its work to pass the state gay rights bill; a day-long Fundraising Institute for gay and lesbian organizations; a demonstration at the White House to protest the government's policy of excluding and discharging lesbians and gay men from the military. ■

—Press Release

Episcopal Church Elects Gay Deputy

New York... The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, N.Y. made history by electing the first openly gay deputy to the Episcopal Church's highest policy making body, the General Convention. Elected was Bruce Colburn, chair of the Diocesan Homophile Commission and immediate past Northeast Regional Vice President of Integrity, the national lesbian and gay ministry of the Episcopal Church. ■

—Press Release

Judges' Code May Include Ban on Discrimination Against Gays

Washington, DC... The American Bar Association last February passed a resolution supporting legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. Now, the ABA is revising the Model Code of Judicial Conduct which serves as ethical guidance for judges throughout the country. The proposed changes include prohibition of bias based on race, sex, religion and national origin, but fails to mention sexual orientation. The National Gay and Lesbian Law Association testified before the ABA committee which is currently revising the code. NLGLA board member Suzanne Bryant described the current "epidemic of violence against lesbians and gay men who are often reluctant to report crimes because they fear they may, like rape victims, be victimized a second time by the judicial system." ■

—National Lesbian and Gay Law Association

Congress Flooded by Gay and Lesbian Mail

Washington, DC... The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has signed up more than 15,000 people for the Speak Out program at 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride events around the country and at Names Project quilt appearances. Approximately 400 canvassers covered 30-40 events in more than 20 states. Speak Out is a massive mobilization effort that is generating tens of thousands of hard-hitting messages to Congress on gay and lesbian related legislation. If you are interested in becoming a canvasser and visiting community events, lesbian and gay gathering places and making calls to sign up people for the program contact HRCF, Canvassing Unit, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20013, or call (202) 628-4160. ■

—Human Rights Campaign Fund

Gay Man Sues Skinhead Attackers for Civil Rights Violations

New York... A 20 million dollar lawsuit has been filed against members of a Skinhead gang alleged to have brutally beaten a man in Washington, D.C. solely because he is gay. The suit, thought to be the first in the country against Skinheads, alleges violation of the victim's federal civil rights as well as assault and battery. The suit also marks the first time a victim of anti-gay violence has sued members of an organized hate group for civil damages. The Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. said, "We fully intend to exhaust all possible legal means to rectify this particular situation and to put an end to all hate-motivated actions against lesbians and gay men." ■

—Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

More Teen Suicides Are Gay

San Francisco... A report by the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide released this month, "correctly identified the special vulnerability of lesbian and gay youth to suicide," said Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). The report says killing oneself is the leading cause of death among sexual minority youth. Kevin Berrill, director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, noted, "The increased risk of suicide facing them is linked to growing up in a society that teaches them to hide and to hate themselves. We welcome this report and hope it will lead to action that will save lives." Congressman William Dannemeyer wants President Bush to "denounce" the study and suggested that such studies "simply add legitimacy to the heretofore crime of child molestation." ■

—Sentinel (SF)

New Video Lobbying Program

Washington, DC... A new national "videogram" lobbying project has been launched by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). It will bring voices and faces of gay and lesbian constituents and their supporters into the offices of their lawmakers. The videograms will feature 1-to-2 minute messages taped by persons for their members of Congress, who will play them back on their office VCRs. The tapes will enable persons around the country to be seen and heard as they support a variety of gay and lesbian and AIDS issues. HRCF will tape people at events such as lesbian and gay conferences and conventions, pride celebrations, local organizations' meetings and other activities. ■

—Human Rights Campaign Fund

Lawsuit Forces Hospital To End Discrimination Against Patients

Washington, DC... As a result of a settlement of a lawsuit in the name of Jane Doe filed against Howard University Hospital ("Howard"), the hospital has agreed to adopt a policy permitting persons with AIDS or HIV infection to be treated on all wards and in all rooms of the hospital. Previously, such patients were refused admission to certain wards including the psychiatric ward and were treated only in isolation, in private rooms, or in rooms with other patients with HIV disease. In settling the lawsuit, Jane Doe said, "I can say to all of you out there in the world like myself, stricken with AIDS ... we all get tired, just don't quit. This is not my victory, but one for us all. I hope that I have made a difference by coming forward. God bless you." ■

—LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund

Domestic Partners Law In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA... Philadelphia Attorneys for Human Rights (PAHR) is an organization formed in June 1986 to create a network for gay and lesbian law-related professionals in the greater Philadelphia area. One of the key issues of its agenda is the presentation and consideration of the introduction of a domestic partner ordinance for the city. An ordinance has been drafted by a member of PAHR and is now under study. ■

—Philadelphia Gay News

Dentist Refuses Treatment To HIV Positive

Washington, DC... A suit filed by a man who has tested positive for the AIDS antibody, charges a dentist with discrimination. The man charges that the hygienist had seated him in a dental chair and was about to examine him without wearing protective gloves when he told her he was HIV positive. The hygienist stopped the treatment and consulted with the dentist. The dentist then informed the patient that he and his dental hygienist would not treat patients who had tested HIV positive and informed him that he would refer him to a dentist who would treat him. The suit accuses the dentist of violating a Virginia law that prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability. ■

—Washington (D.C.) Blade

Lesbian Convicted Of Killing Her Physically Abusive Lover

Palm Beach County, FL... A lesbian said the frequent physical abuse at the hands of her lover of 11 years drove her to kill her. She was convicted of second-degree murder. The jury agreed with defense attorney that the woman had not planned to commit murder and therefore could not be convicted of first-degree murder. However, the jury rejected the attorney's assertion that she had killed out of self-defense, even though she had testified during the trial that her lover had beat her more than 100 times. ■

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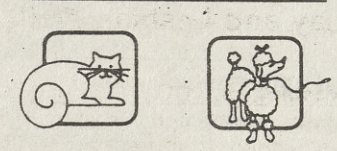

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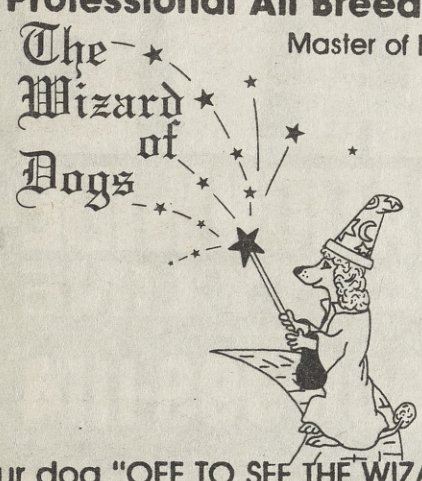

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History Center Seeks Outstanding Women

Preparations are underway at the Sacramento History Center for the Women's History Awards, to be held March 8. These awards offer the opportunity not only to recognize Sacramento area women who are making history today, but to acknowledge the role of women in shaping Sacramento's tomorrows.

Awards will be bestowed in eight categories; vision, initiative, courage, steadfastness, determination, philanthrophy, heritage, and heroism.

Nomination forms will be available beginning January 2, 1990, from the Sacramento History Center, 101 "I" Street, 95814. The women will be saluted at a History Awards celebration on the evening of March 8, International Women's Day. They will also be featured in an exhibit at the History Center during March, which is Women's History Month. ■

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Application forms and guidelines may be picked up at the Arts Commission office, 800 Tenth Street, Suite 2, or by calling 449-5558. The deadline for Level Two applications is January 3, 1990. ■

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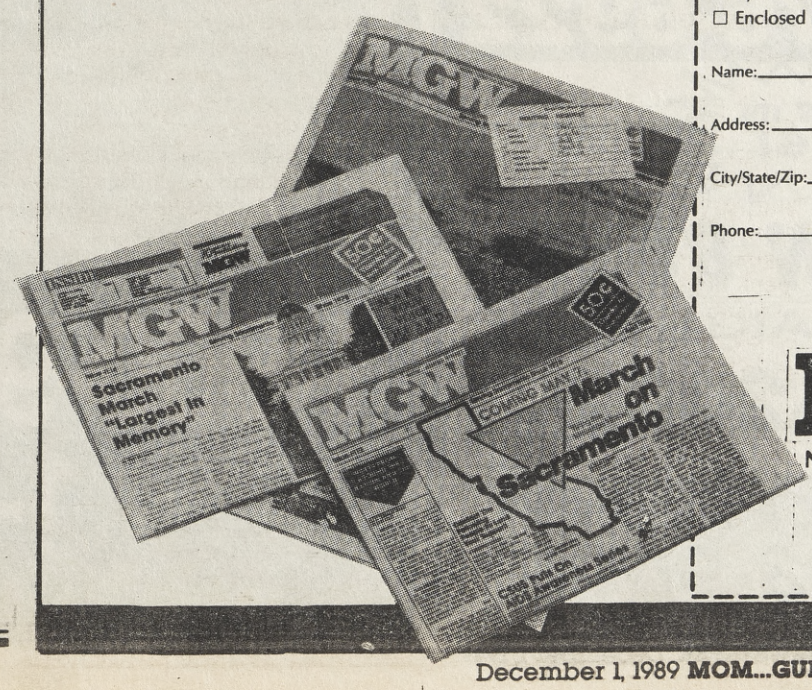

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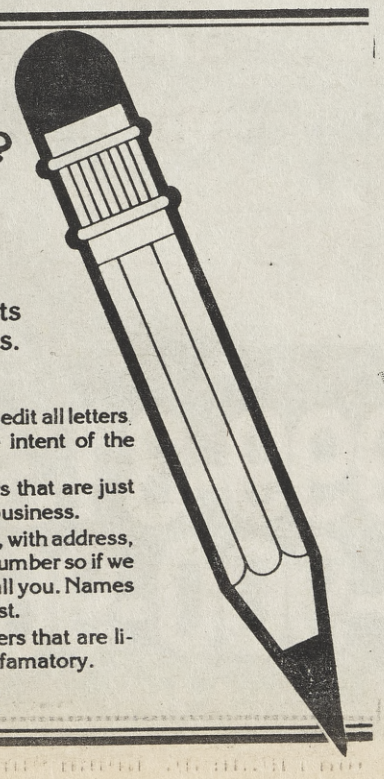

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